

# Park Avenue Synagogue Bulletin

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## WEG Program To Discuss "The Glass Ceiling" Monday, January 24

"The Glass Ceiling" and "Women in Media Today" will be the provocative topic to be addressed by a panel of experts at the Women's Evening Group's open program meeting on Monday evening, January 24th.

The problems of women in the media, how far they have come and how far they still have to go, will be discussed by three outstanding women media professionals. The panel, to be moderated by Ellen Rossen, an acclaimed television producer, will include Joan Hamburg, noted broadcast personality, and Marge Lipton, a 20 year veteran of ABC News.

Ms. Rossen, an Emmy Award winner for her work on 20/20, also has produced a number of highly praised programs including "Our World" and the "Pope and His Vatican." Most recently, Ms. Rossen was senior producer of the 90 minute CBS special entitled, "Classic Television Interviews-One on One," aired in November, 1993.

A consumer lifestyle reporter who appears regularly on WCBS TV, Ms. Hamburg has been a pioneer for women on and off the air. A popular author, her talk show can be heard daily on WOR Radio.

Marge Lipton has had a distinguished career at ABC News. She is the first female at any network to have produced a national news broadcast. A Peabody Award winner, she spent eight years overseas covering the Middle East and Eastern Europe. Currently, Ms. Lipton works for the Council on Foreign Relations.

Please join WEG at this open meeting for an exciting program on this important woman's issue as it plays out behind the scenes of our media. Refreshments will be served at 7:30 P.M. and the panel discussion will follow at 8 P.M.

# Changes in the Friday Night Service

Park Avenue Synagogue would like congregants to know about several changes which have been instituted in the weekly 6:15 P.M. Friday Night Shabbat Service.

First, the choir is now visible downstairs in the (continued on page 3)

# A New Look At The *Akeda* Story: Rabbi Neil Gillman

A respected, master teacher in the Sherr Institute of Adult Jewish Studies, Rabbi Neil Gillman will return to Park Avenue Synagogue to teach a course on The Akeda, the story of Abraham's acceptance of God's command to sacrifice his son Isaac.

This story has been prominent in both Jewish and non-Jewish religious thought and general literature through the centuries. Rabbi Gillman will explore the religious and historical significance of this biblical narrative. How do we, how can we, understand the meaning of this troubling story? Is it still relevant for us moderns, Jews and non-Jews alike, and if so, why?

Rabbi Gillman is the Aaron Rabinowitz and Simon H. Rifkind Associate Professor of Jewish Philosophy at The Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He has served as dean of the Seminary's Rabbinical School and is the author of Sacred Fragments: Recovering Theology for the Modern Jew, as well as the recently published Conservative Judaism: The New Century.

Rabbi Gillman, who has the ability to make even the most difficult material both understandable and fascinating, always engages those who study with him in a dynamic exchange of ideas. He will give this course on five successive Tuesdays, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, and 15 from 8:30 to 9:45 P.M. Tuition: Members \$40; Non-members \$50.

## **Sherr Institute Offerings**

Throughout this issue, you will find announcements of exciting new courses which will be offered by the Sherr Institute of Adult Jewish Studies beginning in January. This is your opportunity to enrich your Jewish education by studying with Rabbis Neil Gillman and Joseph A. Brodie of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, award winning journalist J.J. Goldberg, Hebrew University professor Shalom Paul, and Park Avenue Synagogue's own Rabbis David H. Lincoln and Elana Zaiman and Cantor David Lefkowitz. There is something of interest for everyone. So pick your courses and call Mrs. Zemmel at 369-2600 to guarantee yourself a place.

## J.J. Goldberg To Teach Course on American Jewish Politics

J.J. Goldberg, senior writer for *The Jerusalem Report* and one of the most respected journalists covering the ethnic politics of urban America, with a special focus on the religious and political life of the Jewish community, will teach an eight-session course this winter on American Jewish Politics in Crisis.

Among the topics to be covered will be: Who speaks for American Jews?; The Jewish agenda: Israel versus domestic needs; Black-Jewish relations: the downward spiral; the White House, Congress, and the Jewish vote; Jews and the American media; the future of Jewish philanthropy; and American Jews and the Middle East peace process.

The course will be given on eight successive Tuesday evenings at 7 P.M. beginning Tuesday, January 18.

Before joining *The Jerusalem Report*, J.J. Goldberg, a native New Yorker who received his master's degree in journalism from Columbia University in 1985, was the New York bureau chief of the *Forward*, and managing editor of the *New York Jewish Week*.

He has received numerous journalism awards, including the 1990 Simon Rockower Award of the American Jewish Press Association, and is the author of two books, *The Jewish Americans: a Pictoral History* and *Builders and Dreamers: The Labor Zionist Youth Movement in North America*. He is currently writing a major study of American Jewish political activity.

This course will provide a unique opportunity to gain insights into, and obtain an insider's perspective on the contemporary politics of American Jewry.

Tuition will be: Members \$60; Non-members \$70.

## Shabbat Family Service Saturday Morning, February 5

For the first time, a new type of family service will be introduced at Park Avenue Synagogue. It will take place in the Main Sanctuary on Saturday morning, February 5th from 9:45 to 11 A.M. (the Shabbat service will begin at its regular time

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#### PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE

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#### From The Rabbi's Desk

# Health Care In Jewish Law: Concepts And Sources

In the December, 1993 issue of the Park Avenue Synagogue BULLETIN, several health care concepts in Jewish law were presented: *Hatzalat Nefashot*-The Saving of Human Life; *Bikkur Holim*-Visiting the Sick; and the Distribution of Scarce Resources. In this issue, two additional concepts will be presented: *Shemirat Ha-briyut*-Preventive Care and *Tzedaka*-Communal Obligations to Meeting Basic Human Needs.

Shemirat Ha-briyut-Preventive Care: In addition to requiring a response to illnesses when they occur, Jewish law also requires that we make all attempts to stay well. In Deuteronomy, God tells the Jewish people, "take utmost care and watch yourselves scrupulously." The Talmud derives from these verses that a person must scrupulously guard his physical health (Berakhot 32b), and this ruling was codified by Maimonides (Hilkhot Rotzeah 11:44) and the Shulhan Arukh (Hoshen Mishpat 427:8). Maimonides understands this obligation to include both positive aspects, such as regular exercise and the seeking out of proper medical care, as well as negative ones, such as refraining from damaging of one's body through the consumption of harmful foods or drugs. [Hilkhot Deot, 4:1ff; see also Rabbi David Golinkin's ruling that smoking is prohibited by Jewish law in Moment Magazine, Oct. 1991, pp. 14-15].

Tzedaka-Communal Obligations to Meeting Basic Human Needs: Just as the Jewish community recognized an obligation to provide for such basic needs as food, clothing, and shelter through the collection and distribution of communal funds, so too, Jews have long insisted that no person should be denied access to health care on account of inability to pay. While physicians are not required to provide their services for free ("A physician who takes nothing is worth nothing"-

#### Schedule of Religious Services

Schedule of Religious Services	
Friday evening, December 31	6:15 P.M.
Saturday morning, January 1	9:15 A.M
Havurah Service	
Bar Mitzvah of Drew Kovacs	
son of Steven and Gaye Kovacs	
Friday evening, January 7	6:15 P.M
Saturday morning, January 8	
Havurah Service	
Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Berenbeim	
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Berenbeim	
Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Podolsky	
daughter of Dr. Morris Podolsky and Mrs. Bonnie Podolsky	
Friday evening, January 14	6:15 P.M
Saturday morning, January 15	
Havurah Service	
Bat Mitzvah of Daniella Hirschfeld	
daughter of Elie and Marcia Hirschfeld	
Friday evening, January 21	6:15 P.M
Park Avenue Synagogue Singles Service & Oneg Shabbat	8:15 P.M
Professor Shalom Paul	
Scholar-in-Residence	
Saturday morning, January 22	9:15 A.M
Havurah Service	9:15 A.M
Bat Mitzvah of Sally Bernstein	
daughter of Jonathan and Penny Bernstein	
Shabbat Lunch & Lecture	
Professor Shalom Paul	
Scholar-in-Residence	
Friday evening, January 28	6:15 P.M
Bet Grade Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner	
Saturday morning, January 29	9:15 A.M
Havurah Service	
Bar Mitzvah of Morgan Landau	
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Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Elana Zaiman will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Judith Naimark and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

Babysitting is available for children 2 to 5 years of age every Saturday morning from 9:15 A.M. to 12 Noon.

Baba Kamma 85a), communal subsidies matched by reduced rates for poor patients have been the norm. [Shulhan Arukh, Yoreh Deah 249:16; see also Responsa Ramat Rahel of Rabbi Eliezer Y. Waldenberg, sections 24-25].

Both the above material and the health care concepts published in the December, 1993 issue were prepared and edited by David Rosen, a rabbinical student at The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and Sarrae G. Crane, Director of the Commission on Social Action and Public Policy of the United Synagogue of America. The principal text is reprinted by permission of Rabbi Elliot Dorff.

- Rabbi David H. Lincoln

#### Tu B'Shevat

Tu B'Shevat, the New Year for Trees, begins at sundown, on Wednesday, January 26th and con-

cludes at sundown, on Thursday, January 27th.

In Jewish history, Hillel and his disciples declared *Chamisha Asar B'Shevat* a semiholiday. They called it *Rosh Hashana L'Ilanot* (the New Year for Trees) because by this day in Israel the annual rains have ended and a new annual cycle of tree growth begins.

On this as well as on virtually all issues, the School of Hillel's decision was accepted and since the first century, C.E., the 15th day of the month of Shevat has been celebrated as the New Year for Trees.

Although no special liturgy or festivity is decribed for the day, in Israel, the ancient practice of planting trees has been revived and school children and others do so on Tu B'Shevat.

In our religious schools, children plant trees in Israel through the Jewish National Fund.

## Professor Shalom Paul To Be Scholar-In-Residence January 21-22

Professor Shalom Paul, professor of Bible at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, will be the Scholar-in-Residence at the Sherr Institute of Adult Jewish Studies at Park Avenue Synagogue the weekend of January 21-22.

A noted scholar and provocative lecturer, Professor Paul will provide an exciting, original perspective on critical aspects of Biblical history.

Following the PASSingles service on January 21, Professor Paul will speak on The Genesis of Genesis. Based upon the latest archeological discoveries, this lecture will examine in depth the first known religious exodus, that of Abraham from his father's house to the land that God promised him and his descendants. The entire congregation is cordially invited to this lecture.

At the Shabbat lunch (advance reservation required) and lecture on January 22nd, which will follow the Shabbat morning service, Professor Paul will offer new insight into the understanding of the Scroll of Esther: Esther—The Wiles of Women. We all think we know the story of Esther. Modern scholarship, however, has added an additional dimension to an understanding of this material which makes it relevant to us today.

Watch the mail for your invitation to this exciting weekend and return your reservation card promptly as space is limited. Invite family members and friends to share this unique Shabbat experience with you.

## **Shabbat Family Service**

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at 9:15 A.M.). For this special service, students in the upper grades of the religious school will conduct parts of the Shabbat service, the high school students will read the Torah portions, Rabbi Elana Zaiman will discuss the Torah portion of the week, and Rabbi David H. Lincoln will deliver the sermon.

Parents, grandparents, and friends of the students are cordially invited to attend the Shabbat service. Then, after taking part in the service, the students will return to their regular classes and their family members and friends are invited to remain in the Main Sanctuary until the conclusion of the service. Afterwards, students, family members, and congregants will join together for a joyous Shabbat Kiddush.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for the entire congregation of adults and students to worship together and to participate and share the feeling of Shabbat togetherness.

Plan to attend this very special Shabbat morning service on February 5th. It will be very heartwarming to see the students and their families praying together with the entire congregation!

## **Schedule of Religious Services**

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Friday evening, February 4	6:15 P.M.
Gimmel Grade Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner	
Saturday morning, February 5	9:15 A.M.
Havurah Service	9:15 A.M.
Shabbat Family Service	
Friday evening, February 11	6:15 P.M.
Park Avenue Synagogue Singles Service & Oneg Shabbat	
Saturday morning, February 12	9:15 A.M.
Havurah Service	
Friday evening, February 18	6:15 P.M.
Saturday morning, February 19	9:15 A.M.
Havurah Service	9:15 A.M.
Thursday evening, February 24	6:00 P.M.
Purim	
Reading of the Megillah	
Friday evening, February 25	6:15 P.M.
Congregational Shabbat Dinner	
(By Advance Reservation Only)	
Saturday morning, February 26	9:15 A.M.
Havurah Service	9:15 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Charney son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Charney

Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Elana Zaiman will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Judith Naimark and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

Babysitting is available for children 2 to 5 years of age every Saturday morning from 9:15 A.M. to 12 Noon.



Rabbi Lincoln talking to President Clinton at a recent White House gathering. In the background are Chancellor Schorsch and the First Lady.

## Friday Night Service

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Main Sanctuary and the overall intent is to encourage greater congregant participation in praying and singing the beautiful music with which we welcome the Sabbath.

Then, after the service, the Men's Club has been sponsoring a brief Kiddush.

Moreover, on the first Friday evening of each month, a grade in the religious school usually

conducts selected portions of the service and then a family Shabbat dinner follows for the students and their families.

So why don't you try to come to a Friday Night Service at 6:15 P.M. to see, hear, and sing with the choir, to take part in a more participatory service, to enjoy the Men's Club Kiddush and its well-known camaraderie following the service, and to start Shabbat by praying together with your congregational friends before going home to your Shabbat dinner. You will feel most welcome!

#### Congregational Shabbat Dinner Friday, February 25 7:00 P.M.

following the Friday Evening Service at 6:15 P.M.

(under the auspices of the Shabbat Dinner Committee)

\$25 per person \$10 each for children under 8 years of age

Please call the synagogue office (369-2600) to make your reservation.

## Notes From The Edmond de Rothschild Library

The Edmond de Rothschild Library will reopen on Monday, January 3rd.

#### **New Books:**

Ansky: The Dybbuk and Other Writings

Blau: The Beggar's Cup

Browning: The Path to Genocide

Bukiet: Stories of an Imaginary Childhood

Goldstein: Strange Attractors Kellerman: Grievous Sin

Kimmel: Asher and the Capmakers-A Hanukkah

Story (Juvenile)

Knowlton: Forever in the Shadow of Hitler? Levine: The Death of an American Jewish

Community

Louvish: The Silencer

Matas: Sworn Enemies (Teen Literature)

Michel: Promises to Keep Rosenberg: The Cutting Room Rubenstein: After Auschwitz

Sarna: Songs of the Heart (Book of Psalms)

Shaham: Bone to the Bone

Simpson: The Splendid Blond Beast

Weintraub: Disraeli Werner: Fighting Back

Wolfson: The Art of Jewish Living-The Shabbat

Seder (Rabbi Zaiman's course)

dates in January and February:

Wouk: The Hope

Zuckerman: A Surplus of Memory-Chronicles of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

The library will be closed during the following

- Sunday, January 16
- Monday, January 17
- Sunday, February 20
- Monday, February 21
- Thursday, February 24
- Sunday, February 27

- Susan Vogelstein, Librarian

# Myriad Events in the Mazer School of Religious Studies

During the months of January and February, the following events will take place in the elementary school:

#### January

• On Monday, January 10 and Tuesday, January

- 11, there will be parent/teacher conferences. And, for the first time, students will participate in these conferences.
- On Saturday, January 22 from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon, the Daled grade will hold its second "Together" program in which parents and students will participate in a Shabbat morning service and study session.
- On Saturday, January 29 from 9 to 11 A.M., the Gimel grade will hold its third "Together" program. Parents and students will participate in a Tu B'Shevat program.

#### February:

- On Saturday, February 5 from 9:45 to 11 A.M., students will participate in the Shabbat morning service in the Main Sanctuary.
- On Saturday evening, February 12, the Hay grade will hold its second B'Yahad program. Parents and students will partake in the Seuda Shlishit, the third meal of Shabbat, and in the Havdala ceremony.
- On Tuesday, February 15 at 5:15 P.M., the Zayin grade will hold its third parent/student seminar led by Mr. Menachem Rosensaft. A light supper of pizza and salad will follow the seminar
- On Thursday, February 24 at 5:30 P.M., the Megillah reading for Purim will take place in the Main Sanctuary. Students are invited to come dressed in costume.
- On Saturday, February 26 from 9:30 to 11 A.M., Rabbi Elana Zaiman will conduct the second Family Service, in which parents and students will be invited to lead parts of the service.
- On Saturday night, February 26, the Zayin grade is invited to come and help the high school students set up the Purim Carnival.
- On Sunday, February 27 from 11 A.M. to 1:30 P.M., the school will hold its annual Purim Carnival. Students and families are invited to join the fun. Please come in costume!

## Events in the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School

The following events will take place in the high school during January and February:

- On Sunday, January 23, the high school students will make sandwiches to be distributed to the homeless. Once again, our students will be fulfilling the mitzvah of *Gemilut Hasadim*.
- On Saturday night, February 5 and Sunday, February 6, the high school students will go on a retreat to Washington, D.C. where they will visit the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and be received by staff from the Museum's Education Department. This promises to be an unforgetable experience for them.
- On Saturday night, February 26, the high school students will set up the booths for the Purim Carnival which has been an extremely successful tradition in the religious school.
- On Sunday, February 27, the Purim Carnival, which is run by the high school students, will be held. Students, their families and friends are invited to attend.

#### Parents' Association Thanks Its Volunteers

#### **Book Fair 5754/1993**

Special thanks to Kathy Giske and Henry Siwek and to all the class parents for organizing the volunteers, and to the many parents who gave of their valuable time to man the book fair. And, last but not least, thanks again to Barbara Sassoon and Joan Schreiber for their extraordinary efforts again this year.

#### Hanukkah Zimria Song Fest

Many thanks to Maxine Dovere Wener for making all the arrangements and to our new caterer, Newman and Leventhal, for supplying the latkes for the Latke Reception at the Hanukkah Zimria sponsored annually by the Parents' Association.

## Shalach Manot at Judaica Classics

Let Judaica Classics at Park Avenue Synagogue help you with your observance of Purim. This year, the holiday falls on sundown, Thursday, February 24. The gift shop will be offering a selection of gift baskets for Shalach Manot. The baskets contain only certified kosher food products and come in a variety of sizes, themes, and price ranges.

Samples of these beautifully decorated baskets with themes such as Salad Works. Health Works, Pasta Works, and Tea for Two will be on display early in February. In addition, the gift shop also will have inexpensive themes for children, such as candies packaged in pails and other child-oriented motifs.

Also, corporate gift orders will gladly be filled. These orders can be taken up until Tuesday, February 22, but it is best to order as early as possible.

#### Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families. To:

- Mrs. Ruth Fuhrman, upon the death of her brother, Milton Cohen.
- Mr. Mortimer Goodstein, upon the death of his wife, Harriet Weiner Goodstein.
- Mr. Benjamin Honig, upon the death of his wife, Lillian Honig.
- Mrs. Beatrice Koren, upon the death of her brother, Milton Cohen.
- Mrs. Nancy Levine, upon the death of her father, Dr. Max Shapiro.
- Mrs. Helen Raticoff, upon the death of her brother, Milton Cohen.
- Mrs. George M. Shapiro, upon the death of her mother, Eva Lubin.
- The family of the late Josephine Zeitlin.

#### Cantor Lefkowitz To Teach Master Class

On three successive Wednesday evenings, February 16, 23, and March 2 at 7 P.M., Cantor David Lefkowitz will teach an informal master class, open to all, on the Shabbat Musaf service. Participants will have a unique opportunity to learn the different characteristic melodies to Adon Olam, Yism'chu, Sim Shalom, Ein K'Eiloheinu and other familiar niggunim, and to discuss their history, origins, and unexpected influences.

Then, on May 4 and 11, Cantor Lefkowitz will continue this master class with two equally informal sessions devoted to the melodic traditions of familiar prayers for the Festivals, Rosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur.

Learn how to participate in the Park Avenue Synagogue services and to intensify your involvement in them. There will be no tuition.

## Sisterhood At The Movies Tuesday, January 18

Continuing its annual January "Sisterhood at the Movies" tradition, the Sisterhood of the Park Avenue Synagogue will show the film, "Enemies: A Love Story" on Tuesday, January 18th at 1 P.M.

Based on the Nobel prize winning novel by Isaac Basheva Singer, the movie is a complex, bittersweet drama, with both comic and tragic elements, which follows the lives of four Holocaust survivors trying to make new lives in New York City in 1949. It is brilliantly played by Ron Silver, Angelica Houston, Lena Olin, and Alan King.

So plan to attend. Mark your calendars today! No tickets are required. All members of the congregation are welcome to this event. Refreshments will be served.

## **Annual Passover Candy Sale**

Your child, grandchild, or neighbor's child will be coming home with order forms for the religious school's/Parents' Association's Annual Passover Candy Sale which will begin the week of January 3rd through February 4th.

This year, the Parents' Association has contracted with Miss Chocolate Fund Raising who will be supplying Barton's Kosher for Passover Candy. Barton's makes a superior product and, therefore, another successful candy sale, with many smiling faces, is anticipated.

The proceeds from this annual candy sale go to help support the religious schools. So, your support is needed. Also, please place your orders early so that there will be no last minute confusion.

## Rabbi Lincoln To Teach Jewish Theology and History

Rabbi David H. Lincoln will conduct a seminar under the overall title, "Belief, Practice & Beyond: Jewish Theology for Today, on three Wednesdays, March 9, 16, and 23 from 7 to 8:15 P.M. Each session will focus on a single issue: The Hereafter; Reward and Punishment; and Revelation. One of the main questions to be posed is: Can we, as modern Jews, believe as our forefathers did in certain given basic tenets of Jewish theology?

Then, in May, Rabbi Lincoln will continue his lecture series Pivotal Moments in Jewish History begun last year and offered by the Sherr Institute of Adult Jewish Studies in conjunction with the Park Avenue Synagogue Sisterhood. In three 10:30 A.M. lectures, he will speak on: The Maccabean Revolt on May 3; The First Crusades on May 10; and The French Revolution on May 24.

There will be no tuition for these lectures.

# "Korean Fine Art and Antiques" Topic of WEG Members Only Program February 28

Korean fine art and antiques dating from the 3rd century B.C. will be examined by the Women's Evening Group on Monday evening, February 28th. The Kang Gallery at 24 East 81st Street will be opened in the evening for a private, *members only* lecture and viewing.

Keum Ja Kang, a graduate of Columbia University with a specialized degree in Far Eastern Art, will treat WEG members to a private lecture and showing in the gallery. Ceramic vessels, stone sculptures, painted screens, and century old chests, many of museum quality, will be on display.

Please join WEG for this interesting and informative program. If you are not already a member, you can join WEG by calling either Rosann Lander at 976-4742 or Lite Sabin at 628-2863 before this *members only* event.

## Men's Club Outing to N.Y. Rangers Hockey Game Monday, February 7 – 7:30 P.M.

The Men's Club will be sponsoring an outing to Madison Square Garden to see the N.Y. Rangers play the Washington Capitals on Monday evening, February 7 at 7:30 P.M. The price per ticket is \$30.

There will be a limited number of tickets which will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Please call either Les Agisim or Al Frye at 371-3933 to reserve your tickets.

## Rabbi Joseph Brodie To Continue Course on Formative Years of the Jewish People

Rabbi Joseph A. Brodie, Dean of Students at The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, will continue his highly popular course on the formative years of the Jewish people.

The years between 1180 and 1050 B.C.E. covered by the end of the Book of Judges and the first seven chapters of I Samuel are characterized by a lack of central authority and ad hoc charismatic leadership, by a sense of anarchy, heterogeneity, and religious experimentation. Rabbi Brodie will analyze this period from a contemporary perspective, including the emergence of Samuel as part-prophet and part-judge which began the transition to the changing way of life and rule that was to follow.

This course will be given on five successive Tuesdays, February 22, March 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 8:30 to 9:45 P.M. Tuition: Members \$40; Non-members \$50.

# Rabbi Zaiman To Speak At Men's Club Brunch Sunday, January 30

The Men's Club will be holding a Sunday Brunch on January 30th at 10 A.M. at which Rabbi Elana Zaiman, Park Avenue Synagogue's new assistant rabbi, will be the Men's Club's featured speaker. Her topic will be: "To be or not to be a rabbi. Why?"

The brunch is free for Men's Club members; the cost for non-members is \$10 per person.

Advance reservations are required. Please call either Les Agisim or Al Frye at 371-3933 to make your reservation.

# Parents' Association Program "Defining & Dealing With Problem Students" Monday, January 31

A panel discussion/seminar on the topic: "Defining and dealing with problem students" is being planned for Monday evening, January 31st at 8 P.M. Since the "problem student" is usually a problem in both secular and religious schools, the panel will discuss the definition of a problem child, the appropriate ways to establish an adequate diagnosis, how to obtain the required support systems for the child, and how to help the parents cope with the child. Elana Newman, Ph.D. will chair this panel and brings her particular expertise to this difficult problem area.

Mark your calendars now. Plan to attend what promises to be a highly informative and valuable program event sponsored by the Parents' Association.

# Kol Nidre Appeal 1993/5754

The Officers and Trustees of the Park Avenue Synagogue thank their fellow congregants for their generous response to the Kol Nidre Appeal.

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(Kol Nidre Appeal contributions have been listed in the PAS BULLETIN beginning with the October, 1993 issue. Names listed here are for contributions received as of December 6, 1993.)

#### We Take Pride In

Amy Fier Gitlin, daugther of our members Andrew and Phyllis Fier, who was Bat Mitzvah at Park Avenue Synagogue and will be making Aliyah to Israel with her husband, Baruch Gitlin.

Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Lurie, who were honored at the 19th annual Promise Ball of the Juvenile Diabetes Fund, an international organization dedicated to finding a cure for diabetes, which took place on November 13th at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

## WEG's Outreach "Telephone Companion Program" Volunteer Receives Heartwarming Letters

Dear Arline:

Now is my only chance to talk with you by writing you this letter. Every morning I leave home at 7:30 A.M. and come back at 10:30 P.M. This program, "English Now," which I am attending, I believe will be useful for me and for my future in this country.

But I believe that more helpful are our talks and meetings. They help us understand real American life and language. I'm very proud of our friendship and wish to say thank you for what you are doing for me and my family!

I believe that very soon I could explain all my feelings about you in perfect English.

We love you and wish you good luck and strong health! We also cannot wait until we meet you again.

With love, your friend, Alla Len

Dear Arline:

I'm so happy that my mother met you. Now I know that she found a real friend with a beautiful heart and soul.

And again, thank you for everything that you are doing for us. And I hope that someday, I could be useful for you.

As for the closer future, I wish I could see you on my birthday on July 22nd.

Thank you,

Alex

WEG is calling for volunteers to take a little time each week to talk by phone with a recent emigre from the former Soviet Union. For more information, please call Arline Lane at 794-0385.

# The Melamed Club For Young Jewish Singles

The Melamed Club for young Jewish single men and women 21 to 39 years of age meets monthly at Park Avenue Synagogue on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 P.M. The atmosphere is easygoing, warm and friendly, and a viable solution to the "singles scene." The parties start with a light dinner replete with wine and dessert and coffee. The "events" most always have a theme and include live entertainment.

Help support the Melamed Club. Encourage your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends to attend. The synagogue is a wonderful place to make new friends or to begin an exciting new relationship!

Events in January and February, 1994: January 12 - "Come In Out of the Cold;" February 16 - "The Purim Connection."

Call Sandy Zemmel to make your reservations for these future events.

## **Purim Holiday Customs**

On the holiday of Purim, it is traditional to do the following:

- Listen to the Reading of the Megillah recited on Thursday evening, February 24th in the synagogue, beginning at 6 P.M.
- Send mishloah manot, sometimes referred to as shalach manot, a gift of at least two kinds of food to at least one person.
- Give matanot l'evyonim, at least two gifts to two poor people (donations of food or money to the Park Avenue Synagogue Food Pantry or contributions to the Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund or to the Committee For The Homeless & Community Outreach will fulfill this mitzvah).
- Attend the 7:15 A.M. morning service and Megillah Reading on Friday, February 25th.
- Enjoy a festive Shabbat dinner late in the day of Purim on Friday, February 25th.



## Rabbi Zaiman To Teach Weekly Torah Portion

The weekly Torah reading is the heart of the Shabbat service. Often its true significance is shrouded in mystery and requires analysis and explanation.

This winter, you can acquire a deeper appreciation of our religious, philosophic, and literary roots by joining Rabbi Elana Zaiman in an informal, in-depth study of specific sections of the coming week's Torah portion on eight successive Tuesday evenings, beginning February 1 from 7 to 8:15 P.M. Tuition: Members \$60; Non-members \$70.

# WEG Theater Party "Laughter on the 23rd Floor" Thursday, January 13

8 P.M. - \$60 per ticket Richard Rodgers Theater 226 West 46th Street

Join WEG by calling Sandy Merrill at 472-0386 to reserve your tickets for this production.

# Shabbat Workshop With Rabbi Zaiman

"And on the seventh day you should rest." But why is Shabbat so important? How can we bring the Sabbath into our homes and into our lives? What are some of the traditional Shabbat rituals and customs?

These questions will be addressed by Rabbi Elana Zaiman at an informal workshop on Sunday, January 16 from 10 to 11:30 A.M. Bring family members and friends. Tuition is free.

# Save the Date "Carousel"—June 9, 1994

Join WEG for the revival of the 1948 classical musical "Carousel" at Lincoln Center. It comes straight from its sold-out run in London.

# Contributions Synagogue Offerings

Dr. & Mrs. Herbert Abrams, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Phyllis and Larry Bangser, in honor of the 90th birthday of Hilda Davidson.

Phyllis and Larry Bangser, in honor of the 80th



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Mr. Charles Bennet, in honor of his birthday.

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Bernstein, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Dr. Samuel Berson, in honor of his birthday.

Mrs. Esther Biederman, in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Morris E. Biederman, in memory of her mother, Celia Grabelsky.

Mr. Frederick E. Brenner, in memory of his mother, Jeannette Brenner.

Dr. Manfred Brust, in memory of his father, Abraham Chaim Brust.

Mrs. Carol Cohen, in memory of her father, Isidore Yavers.

Mrs. Phyllis Cornell, in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Hilda Davidson

Ms. Beverly Diamond, in memory of her father, David Diamond.

Judge & Mrs. Conrad B. Duberstein, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Friedman, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Mr. & Mrs. Milton Fuchs, in honor of their son's

Mrs. William Fuirst, in memory of her father, Herman H. Messing.

Mr. Philip Gerard, in memory of his brother, William Gerard.

Mr. A. Stanley Gluck, in memory of his father, Max Gluck.

Miss Anne Gold, in memory of her brother, David Goldklang.

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Mrs. Matilda G. Goldberg, in memory of Dorothy Sollar's second Yahrzeit.

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Mrs. Elsie Goll, in memory of her sister, Irma Goldberg.

Mrs. Rose Grobman, in memory of her father, Harry Warshowsky.

Mrs. Susan Guggenheimer, in memory of her mother, Yetta Cohen.

Mr. Leon I. Heller, in honor of his birthday.

Mr. David L. Hurwitz, in memory of Arthur James Balfour.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Howard Katz, in honor of the 80th birthday of Vicki Wimpfheimer.

Ms. Rosamond V.P. Kaufman, in memory of her father, Ira Van Poznak.

Mrs. Gladys B. Kessler, in memory of her father, Charles Bloomfield.

Rosalyn and Stanley Komaroff, in memory of Mannie Shapiro.

Mr. Harry Krieger, in memory of his mother, Pauline Hurwitz Krieger.

Mrs. Sylvia Krimko, in memory of her mother, Hannah Helzel.

Mrs. Lucy Lam, in honor of her birthday.

Ms. Stephanie Later, in memory of her father. Meyer Later.

Mr. Bernard A. Leventhal, in memory of his father, Alvin Leventhal.

Mrs. Burton L. London, in memory of her mother. Pearl Schechterson.

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Rose Gordon

Mr. Paul Mittelman, in memory of Israel Mittelman.

Mr. Joseph Palevsky, in memory of his mother, Lena Palevsky.

Dr. & Mrs. Brian Pollack, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Mr. Mordecai Rochlin, in honor of his birthday.

Mr. Mordecai Rochlin, in memory of his wife. Ruth Rochlin.

Mrs. Ruth Rosenberg, in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Hilda Rosenblum, in memory of her sister, Rose Sindel Bloom.

Mrs. Hilda Rosenblum, praying for the speedy recovery of Helen Salzberg.

Mrs. Hilda Rosenblum, praying for the speedy recovery of Betty Sussman.

June & Jerry Schiller, in honor of the Aufruf of their son, Scott Schiller, and Missy Glaser.

Ms. Raymonde Schroeder, in memory of her husband, Alfred Schroeder, and her mother, Clara Elharrar.

Mr. Harvey Schulweis, in memory of his father, Irving Schulweis.

Mr. Albert Schussler, in memory of his sister, Clara Spector.

Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Schweitzer, in memory of their daughter, Dr. Nancy J. Schweitzer.

Mrs. Rita Shapiro, in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Rose Spinner, in memory of her mother. Esther Fellman.

Mrs. Frances Stewart, in memory of Fred Hahn.

Mrs. Eric Stiebel, in memory of her mother, Friedel Elba.

Dr. Jenny Stricker, in honor of her birthday.

Mr. Albert Sussman.

Mrs. Bernice Tannenbaum, in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Bernice Tannenbaum, in memory of her mother, May Franklin.

Mrs. Sheila Tenenbaum, in memory of her parents, Golda and Yehoshua Schwartz.

Mr. Ray L. Treiger, in memory of his mother, Rose Treiger.

Ms. Betty Wolpert, in memory of Ludwig Wolpert. Mrs. Harold Yassky, in memory of her husband. Harold Yassky.

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2	7 P.M. WEG Board Meeting	8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning 8:45 A.M. Parents' Association Meeting 12 Noon Sisterhood Board Meeting 1 P.M. Retirees Group	5	6	6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service Light Candles 4:35 P.M.	9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service Havurah Service Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Berenbeim Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Podolsky 4:30 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
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10-11:30 A.M. Shabbat Workshop	17  Martin Luther King Day	8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning 1 P.M. Sisterhood At The Movies Retirees Group 7-9:45 P.M. Sherr Institute Adult Education Course	6; 30 P.M. Teachers Recognition Dinner	20	6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service  8:15 P.M. PASSingles Service & Oneg Shahhat Professor Shalom Paul Scholar-in-Residence  Light Candles 4:40 P.M.	9:15 A.M. Shahhat Service Havurah Service Bat Mitzvah of Sally Bernstein 12:15 P.M. Shahhat Lunch & Lecture Professor Shalom Paul Scholar-in-Residence 4:30 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
30  10 A.M.  Men's Club Brunch	7:30 P.M. WEG Open Program Meeting  31  8 P.M. Parents Association Open Program Meeting	8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning  1 P.M. Retirees Group  7-9:45 P.M. Sherr Institute Adult Education Courses	26	Tu B'Shevat	6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service Bet Grade Service & Dinner Light Candles 4:49 P.M.	9:15 A.M. Shahhat Service Havurah Service Bar Mitzvah of Morgan Landau  4:30 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study

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6	7 P.M. WEG Board Meeting	8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning  1 P.M. Retirees Group  7-9:45 P.M. Sherr Institute Adult Education Courses  7:30 P.M. PAS Support Group  8 P.M. Men's Club Board Meeting	9 A.M. Jewish Family/Child Series	10	6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service 8:15 P.M. PASSingles Service & Oneg Shabbat Light Candles 5:06 P.M.	9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service Havurah Service 4:30 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
13	8 P.M. Jewish Book Discussion Group Couples Club Board Meeting	8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning  1 P.M. Retirees Group  7-9:45 P.M. Sherr Institute Adult Education Courses	7:15 P.M. Melamed Club	17	6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service Light Candles 5:14 P.M.	9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service Havurah Service 4:30 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
20	21  Washington's Birthday	8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning  1 P.M. Retirees Group  7-9:45 P.M. Sherr Institute Adult Education Courses	23	Fast of Esther  6 P.M. Purim Megillah Reading	Purim 6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service Congregational Shabbat Dinner Light Candles 5:23 P.M.	9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service Havurah Service Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Charney 4:30 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
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#### **High School Food Pantry**

Jeanette & Nat Chazen, in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Vicki Wimpfheimer.

Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Eisen

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Mrs. Helen Hahn, in honor of Hilda Davidson's special birthday.

Mrs. Helen Hahn, in honor of Phyllis Cornell's special birthday and the naming of her granddaughter.

Mrs. Helen Hahn, in honor of Vicki Wimpfheimer's special birthday.

Mrs. Isidor Hahn, in memory of her father, Abraham Hausman, and her father-in-law, Meier Hahn.

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#### High School Fund

Mrs. Joanne Davis, in memory of her sister, Judith Victorsohn Rosenberg.

#### Howard Kieval Memorial Scholarship Fund

Mrs. Judy Kieval, in honor of Hilda Davidson's 90th birthday.

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# Men's Club Educational & Cultural Scholarship Fund

Mr. David T. Factor, in honor of his birthday.

#### Prayer Book Fund

Mrs. Sylvia H. Baris, in honor of Hilda Davidson's 90th birthday.

Meryl E. Wiener & Barry A. Bryer

Mr. Justin Wimpfheimer & Dr. Rochelle Wimpfheimer, in honor of Vicki Wimpfheimer's 80th birthday.

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#### David J. Putterman Music Fund

Mr. Benjamin Honig, in celebration of the 82nd anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah and the 70th anniversary as a member of the Synagogue.

Mrs. Samuel Kaufman, in memory of her sister. Ethel Boriss.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael H. Putterman, in memory of his sister, Florence Laye.

# Rita & Alfred L. Rand Fund for Teachers Benefits

Mrs. Ruth Joffe, in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Nathaniel Kaplan, in memory of her husband, Nathaniel Kaplan.

Dr. Judith Rodewald, in memory of her mother.
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Mrs. Anne Katz, in honor of her birthday.

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